

gratifying if, as one detail of a major enterprise, he could have worked out a better balanced system, more consonant with the best existing usage.

In publishing the Flora, the Department of Conservation of Indiana has happily not limited Dr. Deam as to space and has turned out a neatly bound volume, with handsome typography. Some rather egregious printer's errors, such as repeating the line containing the name *Dryopteris Goldiana* in the place where *D. cristata* ought to be, have, however, slipped by and seem particularly glaring in a work so meticulously careful in nearly every detail under the author's control.

There can be no question of the lasting importance of this Flora in its field. Few have been so well done. It will long serve students of floristics and distribution as an abundant source of reliable information; and (like Brendel's Flora Peoriana, which Dr. Deam once told me he had taken as his own model) it sets a standard of excellence for authors of future local floras to live up to—if they can.—C. A. WEATHERBY.

A NEW FORM OF *BROMUS INERMIS*.—Hungarian or smooth brome-grass is distributed throughout Minnesota as a cultivated crop and as an intruder along roadsides.

In the fall of 1938 a specimen of *Bromus inermis* Leyss. which exhibited a peculiar bulbiferous state was submitted to me by Mr. Clemens Kaufman. This appears to be a new form and is being proposed as such at this time.

BROMUS INERMIS Leyss. forma **bulbiferus**, forma nova. A forma normali differt inflorescentiis bulbillos gerentibus.

In this form some of the florets are replaced by bulbils. This state is similar to that well known condition in *Poa alpina* L.¹

The TYPE was collected on Cleveland Avenue four miles north of the campus of Minnesota College of Agriculture, Ramsey County, Minnesota, October 11, 1938. The type is deposited in the University of Minnesota Herbarium.—JOHN W. MOORE, University of Minnesota.

¹ *Poa alpina* L. forma *vivipara* (Willd.) Scribner & Merrill. Contrib. U. S. Nat. Herb. 13: 68, June 8, 1910.

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